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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN DIPLOMATIC POSTINGS AND MFA PERSONNEL REASSIGNMENTS

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1. ACCORDING TO A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL, A NUMBER OF MALAYSIAN DIPLOMATIC AND MFA PERSONNEL REASSIGNMENTS ARE IN THE OFFING, INCLUDING SOME OF OUR KEY CONTACTS HERE. AMONG THESE ARE NEW MALAYSIAN AMBASSADORS TO THE SRV AND POLAND/CZECHOSLOVAKIA/GDR/HUNGARY AND A NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW ZEALAND.

2. SRV. AHMAD KAMIL BIN JAAFAR, CURRENTLY UNDER-SECRETARY, MFA POLITICAL DIVISION II (WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE SOUTHEAST ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND NEUTRALIZATION), IS SLATED TO LEAVE FOR HANOI IN AUGUST VICE YUSOF HITAM, WHO HAS ALREADY DEPARTED. KAMIL HAS SERVED AS MALAYSIAN DEPUT PERMREP AT THE UN AND AS DCM IN BANGKOK. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF  
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HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS, INCLUDING LAST YEAR'S ASEAN SUMMIT HERE, AND IN OUR FEW CONTACTS WITH HIM WE HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE POISED, ARTICULATE AND FORTHCOMING.

3. POLAND/CZECHOSLOVAKIA. RAZALI BIN ISMAIL, PRESENTLY UNDERSECRETARY MFA POLITICAL DIVISION I

(RESPONSIBLE FOR ERUOPE, SOVIET UNION AND WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS) IS BEING ASSIGNED AS AMBASSADOR TO POLAND WITH CONCURRENT ACCREDITATION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR AND HUNGARY (HE WILL RESIDE IN WARSAW). RAZALI HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR PRINCIPAL CONTACTS ON BILATERAL MATTERS AND ACCOMPANIED THE PRIME MINISTER ON HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. AND THE UN IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1977. HIS ETD IS ALSO AUGUST.

4. NEW ZEALAND. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YUSOF HITAM, FORMER MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SRV (MALAYSIA'S FIRST THERE) IS BEING ASSIGNED TO WELLINGTON AS HIGH COMMISSIONER.

5. MFA. KAMIL JAAFAR IS TO B E REPLACED AS UNDERSECRETARY II BY ZAWAWI BIN MOHAMED, NOW DCM IN BANGKOK. AJIT SINGH, UNDERSECRETARY MFA POLITICAL DIVISION III (MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS), LAW OF THE SEA, AND MFA SPOKESMAN) IS SLATED TO MOVE OVER TO REPLACE RAZALI ISMAIL AS UNDERSECRETARY I, BUT AT THIS POINT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF HIS CURRENT DUTIES. PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOUTHEAST ASIA II (INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES AND BURMA) GHAZALI BIN CHE WAN HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MEDAN AS CONSUL AND HIS DUTIES, INCLUDING

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MFA COVERAGE OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEE MATTERS, ARE BEING HANDLED TEMPORARILY BY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOUTHEAST ASIA I (THE ASEAN COUNTRIES) ABDUL HALIM BIN ALI.  
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